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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 11-19 are currently pending in the application.

Please add claims 20-24 as shown below.

The following listing of claims 1-24 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) A communication device, comprising:

a receiver operable to receive one of a numeric message, an alphanumeric message and a voice mail message; and

a processor operable to compose a melody corresponding to the one of the numeric message, the alphanumeric message and the voice mail message subsequent to a reception of the one of the numeric message, the alphanumeric message and the voice mail message by said receiver.

- 21. (New) The communication device of claim 20, wherein said processor is further operable to divide the one of the numeric message, the alphanumeric message and the voice mail message into a plurality of fields to thereby compose the melody.
- 22. (New) The communication device of claim 21, wherein the plurality of fields includes a tempo field, a repetitive play field, and at least one note field.

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23. (New) A method of operating a communication device in alerting a user of the communication device of an incoming message, said method comprising:

receiving one of a numeric message, an alphanumeric message and a voice mail message; and

compose a melody corresponding to the one of the numeric message, the alphanumeric message and the voice mail message subsequent to a reception of the one of the numeric message, the alphanumeric message and the voice mail message.

24. (New) The communication device of claim 23, dividing the one of the numeric message, the alphanumeric message and the voice mail message into a plurality of fields to thereby compose the melody.